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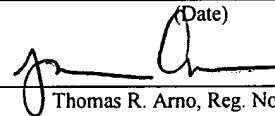
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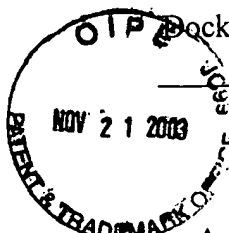

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RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION

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Dear Sir:

In response to the Office Action mailed August 19, 2003, please consider Applicant's remarks concerning the above-identified application that are provided in the accompanying pages. Claims 1 and 3-9 remain pending in the application. Applicant respectfully requests reconsideration and allowance of the claims.



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Transmitted herewith for filing in the above-identified application are the following enclosures:

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- (X) Attachments in 11 pages
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